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About four nautical miles (nm) southwest of Helsink Hillightship, a new Soviet destroyer, apparently on a trial run, was observed in the afternoon of 15 November 1949.

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- She was escorted by the Soviet patrol vessel <u>Hertin</u> (sic) and the mine sweeper T 706. Later the patrol vessel took the destroyer in too while T 706 led the way. The destroyer was towed in the direction of Tallinn.
- 4. Description of the destroyer: *
 - a. Two funnels; the forward funnel was higher than/after funnel,
 - b. There was a set of torpedo tubes between the two funnels. The number of the torredo tubes is not known.
 - c. On the forecastle is a single-mount gun; caliber estimated at 83 mm. Forward of after funnel is a 37-mm AA gun. Aft of the second funnel in a raised position one quadruple AA gum and aft of it two super-osed turrets with single-mount 83-mm guns.
- On the morning of 16 November 1949, the Soviet mine speepers T 448. T 444, T 447 and T 449 were observed near the Hamina bight.
- On the mainland, north of the isle of Porkhalla in the Soviet sector, is a lattice most apparently of recent construction, Approximate position: 59°59'1'W/24°26,9'E.

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Comment :

* According to the description the reported destroyer may be a vessel similar to the former German torpedo boat T 33 which has been delivered to the Soviets.

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